With regard to the point raised by Mr. Park, the position is that the schedule is alterable at the instance of this Government, if they are satisfied that there is any injustice or any exacting demand by the Municipalities. I do not wish to curtail the completest freedom of discussion on the Bill and although I do not stand in the way of any motion for adjournment being passed, I have thought it my duty to point out that unless this Honourable House is convinced that postponement is essential in order to do justice to the undoubtedly important provisions of the Bill, they should not adjourn the further consideration of the bill.

The question that the District Municipalities Bill be considered was put to vote and carried.

President: If any of the honourable members desires to speak on any particular clause he may invite my attention.

Clauses 1 to 393,

The question that Clauses 1 to 393 do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

Clauses 1 to 393 were added to the Bill.

The question that Schedule 5 do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

SCHEDULE 5 STAND PART OF THE BILL.

Preamble and the Title.

The question that the title and the preamble do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The title and the preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I move Sir, that the District Municipalities Bill may be passed.

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I second it.

The question that the District Municipalities Bill may be passed was put to vote and carried. The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE TRADE MARKS BILL.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Trade Marks Bill. I may be permitted to state, Sir, that this Bill is intended to further encourage the growth of trade in the country. This House will remember that various enactments calculated to foster and better the condition of trade and commerce in the State have been enacted. The question of the enactment of a Trade Marks Bill was for long under the consideration of Government. They had to delay the matter as in

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British India there was no system of registration of trade marks and any law introduced in this State would be, in the nature of things, either unsatisfactory or ineffective. Recently the British Government passed their Trade Marks Act and this Government therefore immediately, undertook legislation on that matter.

This Bill, honourable members may note, provides for a system of registration of trade marks. The provisions are more or less analagous to the provisions relating to the system of registration of Patents and Designs, of course with such differences as are inevitable owing to the difference in the application of the law relating to Patents and the law relating to the application of Trade Marks. There is at present some law which would protect Trade Marks in the State. That law is what is contained in the Travancore Penal Code. But it will be conceded by the honourable members of this House that that law is ineffective or insufficient; and if this House were to approve of this Bill and when this Bill comes into law it will enable every trade in this country to have his own Trade Mark and to have it registered. When once it is registered, any infringement of that Trade mark can be very easily prohibited or punished. It will thus enable the acquisition of a very valuable right in the commercial world. Arrangements will also be entered into with British India and other Indian States for the purpose of giving recognition to Trade Marks registered in this State. I do not want to enter into the details of the provisions of the Bill. Such of the provisions as require special attention has been adverted to in the statement of objects and reasons.

I move, Sir, that the Bill be read in the Council.

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

The Secretary then read the title of the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Trade Marks Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members :—

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi.
Mr. T. W. U. Park.
Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai.
Mr. K. M. Kesavan.
Mr. A. Easwara Pillai.
Mr. T. K. Kittan.
Mr. K. Iloor Narayana Pillai.
Mr. C. N. Thuppan-Namboothiripad.
Sahib Bahadur Haji Hassan Yacob Sait.

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Mr. V. S. Arumukhom Pillai,
Mr. T. Krishna Pillai.
Mr. E. K. Kuripe.
Miss Thresia Kora, and
Legal Remembrancer.

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (GRADING AND MARKING) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I rise to introduce the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Bill. It is a very small Bill containing only about six clauses and it is merely an enabling legislation. It is intended to foster the commercial activities so far as the agricultural produce of this country is concerned. It is based on similar legislation in India and it has been the attempt on the part of all Governments, Indian and British India to bring into effect similar or corresponding legislation.

This Bill enables the people to have their produce graded and to have such grading recognised outside. Honourable members of this House know what work the Marketing Officers have been doing. It is as a result of the work so far done that this legislation is now undertaken. When passed it is likely to further help the agriculturists and traders of this State.

I move, Sir, that the Bill be read in the Council.

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

The Secretary then read the title of the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I move, Sir, that he Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:—

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai.
Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar.
Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi.
Mr. K. M. Kesavan.
Mr. James Fletcher.
Mr. T. Krishna Pillai.
Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan.
Mr. Kalloor Narayana Pillai.

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